

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion!

# 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 6, 2008

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

Barth, in his dream, was appointed to examine Mozart in theology. He wanted to make the examination as favorable as possible, and in his questions he alluded pointedly to Mozart's masses.

But Mozart did not answer a word.

I was deeply moved by Barth's account of this dream and almost wanted to write him a letter about it. The dream concerns his salvation, and Barth perhaps is striving to admit that he will be saved more by the Mozart himself than by his theology.

Each day, for years, Barth played Mozart every morning before going to work on his dogma: unconsciously seeking to awaken, perhaps, the hidden sophianic Mozart in himself, the central wisdom that comes in tune the divine and cosmic music and is saved by love, yes even eros. While the other, theological self, seemingly more concerned with love, grasps at a more stern, more cerebral agape: a love that, after all, is not in our own heart but only in God and revealed only to our head.

Barth says, also significantly, that "it is a child, even a 'divine' child, who speaks in Mozart's music to us." Some, he says, considered Mozart always a child in practical affairs (but Burckhardt "earnestly took exception" to this view). At the same time, Mozart, the child prodigy, "was never allowed to be a child in the literal meaning of that word." He gave his first concert at the age of six.

Yet he was always a child "in the higher meaning of that word."

Fear not, Karl Barth! Trust in the divine mercy. Though you have grown up to become a theologian, Christ remains a child in you. Your books (and mine) matter less than we might think! There is in us a Mozart who will be our salvation.

(Thomas Merton, Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander, Doubleday, 1965, pp. 11-12)

THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Paulist Fathers last weekend. If any of you have not had an opportunity to contribute, you may do so in the regular collection and mark in the memo space on the check "Paulist Fathers."

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> - If you are in High School and have never been confirmed, please call the parish office. We are planning classes for fall.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic or know more about the Church, please call the parish office.

**HELPING OUR PARISH FAMILY** - If you are able to help a St. Elizabeth parishioner from time to time with a ride to a church or a doctor's office, to shop for someone homebound, to run an errand or just visit with someone who would like a little company, please call the parish office. Any help would be very much appreciated.

48th ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE, August 3, 2008 from 12 pm until 6 pm at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center, 3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006-5009, to support the ministry and retreat center facilities of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows. For more information and menus, contact the Retreat Center at 503-649-7127 or e-mail sisters@olpretreat.org. Admission is free, featuring food, entertainment, music, sweepstakes tickets, door prizes and children's games.

2008 ARCHBISHOP'S GOLF INVITATIONAL - The 2008 Archbishop's Golf Invitational is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008, at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon. Golfers from around the Archdiocese are invited to put together one or more foursomes to represent their parish and/or Catholic school. A \$600 entry fee entitles four golfers to tee prizes, lunch, practice balls, 18 holes of golf with a cart, and the awards dinner. Prizes are plentiful in this scramble format event, which raised much-needed funds for our archdiocesan Seminarians. Last year all team spots were sold out well in advance of the tournament, so to avoid disappointment and secure your spot, apply early for 2008.

For more information visit <a href="www.archdpdx.org">www.archdpdx.org</a>, or call Doug Tollefson at the Archdiocese of Portland at 503-233-8336, or email him at <a href="mailto:dtollefson@archdpdx.org">dtollefson@archdpdx.org</a>.

"DAUGHTERS OF GOD!--- A Day of Reflection" St. Philip Neri Parish (16th & SE Division) and OCP present the Women as Witness Symposium in honor of St. Mary Magdalene on Saturday, July 26, 9-3:30 pm. Please join acclaimed Catholic musician Sarah Hart for a retreat/presentation designed especially for women of faith. Packed with prayer, stories, laughter, small-group interaction and music, this event gives women the opportunity to see what makes them unique and yet connected to one another, through reflection on the women in Scripture. Following the day, Sarah will perform a free evening concert at 7 pm in the main church, open to everyone in the community. The day retreat fee is \$30 (includes continental breakfast and lunch). To register contact Barbara Harrison (503-231-4955) or barbara@stphilipneripdx.org by July 21.

#### LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Zechariah 9:9-10/ Psalm 145/ Romans 8:9, 11-13/ Matthew 11:25-30

Monday: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/ Psalm 145/ Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13/ Psalm 115/ Matthew 9-32-38 Wednesday: Hosea 10-1-3, 7-8, 12/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 10-1-7

Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9/ Psalm 80/ Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10/ Psalm 51/ Matthew 10:16-23 Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8/ Psalm 93/ Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Psalm 65/ Romans 8-18-23/ Matthew 13-1-23

# **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

4:00 pm: Jim and Kay Armstrong

9:00 am: Maureen and Don Binzer 11:00 am: Ginny and Bob Caudill

If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$3,863.45 Thank you.

#### ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PARISH

4112 SW 6th Avenue Drive
Portland, OR 97239
(503)222-2168 \* FAX (503)274-2438 \* www.stelizabethportland.net

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

\*\*\*

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

#### PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Administrator Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

\*\*\*

### Matthew 11:25-30

In today's Gospel Jesus says a prayer of thanks to the Father for those who follow him with childlike faith and an open heart. Jesus tells us that he himself leads people to the Father and shows us what the Father is like. He invites us to come to him without fear, for he is meek and humble of heart, and will gently teach us to be like him. He invites us to trust him completely.

Can you think of a time or situation when someone had to trust you? Why did that person have to trust you? How did you react --- or reward their trust?

Have you ever had to trust someone else? Why did you have to trust that person? How did the other person react to your trust?

When we trust Jesus/God, he responds by being gentle and loving and, in the process, teaches us to trust him and learn from him even more.